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**News Release**



NORTH CAROLINA  
MUSEUM OF HISTORY

*A Smithsonian Affiliate*

**New Restaurant Open at North Carolina Museum of History**

*Sweet Tea & Cornbread Grill and Eatery run by granddaughter of iconic Mama Dip*



**September 3, 2019 (RALEIGH, N.C.)** — The North Carolina Museum of History is pleased to announce the opening of our new restaurant. Aptly named **Sweet Tea & Cornbread Grill and Eatery**, our new eatery serves up scrumptious Southern staples and mouth-watering daily specials.

At the helm of Sweet Tea & Cornbread Grill and Eatery is Tonya Council, granddaughter of late [Southern culinary icon Mildred Council](#), a.k.a. Mama Dip. Tonya began waitressing at her grandmother's original restaurant, Dip's Country Kitchen, when she was 15 or 16, and has continued her passion for the restaurant industry ever since.

Council stays true to her grandmother's style of cuisine, with traditional Southern comfort food like barbecue, chicken salad, fried green tomatoes, and (of course) sweet tea and cornbread. She also offers lighter fare like salads and grilled chicken, and family-friendly favorites like hamburgers, French fries and chicken tenders. Add delightful daily specials and delectable desserts, and you've got a meal fit for any museum visit or business lunch.

"I'm thrilled to open the Sweet Tea & Cornbread Grill and Eatery at the N.C. Museum of History," said Council. "I grew up surrounded by classic Southern food, so the museum is the

perfect venue to both continue that legacy while exploring more modern iterations of my family's signature dishes.”

The Sweet Tea & Cornbread Grill and Eatery located on the R Level, and is open Monday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Download the full menu [HERE](#). Call 919-814-6980 or visit [ncmuseumofhistory.org/sweet-tea-and-cornbread](http://ncmuseumofhistory.org/sweet-tea-and-cornbread) for more information.

**For information about the NC Museum of History**, a Smithsonian Affiliate museum, call 919-814-7000 or access [ncmuseumofhistory.org](http://ncmuseumofhistory.org) or follow the museum on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), or [YouTube](#).

### **About the NC Museum of History**

The North Carolina Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate, fosters a passion for North Carolina history. This museum collects and preserves artifacts of state history and educates the public on the history of the state and the nation through exhibits and educational programs. **Admission is free.** Last year, more than 465,000 people visited the museum to see some of the 150,000 artifacts in the museum collection. The Museum of History, within the Division of State History Museums, is part of the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

### **About the Smithsonian Affiliations Network**

Since 2006, the North Carolina Museum of History has been a Smithsonian Affiliate, part of a select group of museums, cultural, educational, and arts organizations that share Smithsonian resources with the nation. The Smithsonian Affiliations network is a national outreach program that develops long-term collaborative partnerships with museums, educational, and cultural organizations to enrich communities with Smithsonian resources. More information is available at [affiliations.si.edu](http://affiliations.si.edu).

### **About the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources**

The North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NCDNCR) is the state agency with a vision to be the leader in using the state's natural and cultural resources to build the social, cultural, educational, and economic future of North Carolina. NCDNCR's mission is to improve the quality of life in our state by creating opportunities to experience excellence in the arts, history, libraries, and natural assets in North Carolina by stimulating learning, inspiring creativity, preserving the state's history, conserving the state's natural heritage, encouraging recreation and cultural tourism, and promoting economic development.

NCDNCR includes 27 historic sites, seven history museums, two art museums, two science museums, three aquariums, and Jennette's Pier, as well as 39 state parks and recreation areas, the North Carolina Zoo, the nation's first state-supported symphonic orchestra, the State Library of North Carolina, the State Archives of North Carolina, the North Carolina Arts Council, the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office, and the North Carolina Office of State Archaeology, along with the state Division of Land and Water Stewardship. For more information, call 919-814-6800 or visit [DNCR.nc.gov](http://DNCR.nc.gov).

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